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1. Jet fighters flew almost daily at noon over the ZERBST (M 52/D 98) airfield, even in bad weather. Flying was done individually. After landing the planes were immediately towed into the hangars. The jet plane with swept back wings has the nozzle exhaust at the fuselage rump and is equipped with a nose wheel.
2. The remaining 60 to 70 power aircraft, flew throughout the day usually in formations. Night flying was repeatedly done by biplanes.
3. The improved AA emplacement on the northern edge of the field was no longer occupied. Four AA guns were now emplaced near the radio station on the southern edge.

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5. The color of the new air force uniform was a light brown.

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Comment:

a. Report again confirms the presence of two jet aircraft types. It is noteworthy that these aircraft flew also in unfavorable weather. It has not been reported whether these planes also practiced instrument flying.

b. The reported number of conventional fighters stationed at the field agrees with previous reports. It is assumed that besides the jet aircraft, two fighter regiments are stationed in ZERBST.

c. The information that the AA emplacement was moved from the northern to the southern edge of the field is confirmed by a previous report. \*

d. The color of the new air force uniform was described in a previous report \*\*.

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